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Prospective Plantings

HARRISBURG, PA, April 1, 2011 - **Pennsylvania** farmers intend to plant more acres of corn and winter wheat this spring and harvest more acres of tobacco this year than a year ago. Pennsylvania barley acres are up from reported acres last year. Planting intentions for oats are down from a year ago according to the Pennsylvania field office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Winter wheat planted, at 180,000 acres, is up 15,000 acres or 9 percent from last year's planted acres and down 5 percent from the 190,000 acres planted in 2009. **Barley** planting intentions are estimated at 61,000 acres, up 2 percent from the last year. **Oat** planting intended acreage is 80,000, down 30,000 acres or 27 percent from last year, and down 30,000 acres from 2009.

Intended plantings of **corn** for all purposes are 1,400,000 acres, up 4 percent from the previous two years. **Soybean** acreage planting intentions are 495,000 acres, 5,000 acres or 1 percent below the 500,000 acres planted last year and 10 percent above the 450,000 acres planted in 2009.

Intentions are to harvest 3,000 acres of Southern Maryland-type **tobacco**, 800 acres more than the 2,200 acres harvested last year and 900 more than 2009. Pennsylvania seedleaf-type tobacco harvested acreage is expected to be 1,700 acres, down 400 acres from last year and 300 acres from 2009. Pennsylvania farmers also intend to harvest 5,000 acres of light air-cured burley tobacco this year, which is up 800 acres from last year and 900 acres above two years ago.

Harvest intentions for **all dry hay** in 2011 are estimated at 1,600,000 acres, up 100,000 acres from last year's harvest and 50,000 acres more than in 2009.

Nationally, corn growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest planted acreage in the U.S. since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Acreage increases of 250,000 or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. The largest decrease is expected in Texas, down 150,000 acres.

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Soybean planted area for 2011 is estimated at 76.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. If realized, the United States planted area will be the third largest on record. Compared with last year, planted acreage declines of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Ohio. If realized, the planted area in New York and North Dakota will be the largest on record.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 58.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.2 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2011 is estimated at 14.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2011 is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010.

Barley producers intend to plant 2.95 million acres in 2011, up 3 percent from last year. **Oat** acres seeded and to be seeded for the 2011 crop year are expected to total 2.84 million, down 10 percent from the 3.13 million acres planted in 2010. **All tobacco** growers intend to harvest 336,510 acres in 2011, about the same as the previous year. Acreage to be harvested for **dry hay** is expected to be 58.97 million in 2011, down slightly from the past two years.

Data users are reminded that actual acreages planted may vary from intentions because of changes in grower plans, the effects of weather, availability of production inputs, and changes in market conditions prior to planting. Data users are also reminded that this report includes intentions to plant for all purposes.

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